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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby make of record the references set out on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of each reference is enclosed.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish otherwise. Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered by the Examiner and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited"

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on any patent to issue therefrom.

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